

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday- Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent
NO MASS

Sunday- Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM (Private Mass) For the People

Monday – Lenten Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday – Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM (Private Mass) Arnold & Camilla Weber

Wednesday – The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 AM (Private Mass) Harry & Lois Schares

Thursday – Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM (Private Mass) Gary Tedore

Friday- Lenten Weekday



9:00 AM (Private Mass) Joe & Marie Thiry

Saturday- Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

NO MASS

Sunday- Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM (Private Mass) For the People

(IC) Immaculate Conception (SJ) St. Joseph (FRH) Fr. Reuter's House

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, March 22

RCIA Class - Classes cancelled until further notice



“Prayer is to the soul what rain is to the soil.” (St. John Vianney) Quench your thirsty soul with participation in the magnificent devotion of adoration before the Blessed

Sacrament, located at Columbus HS. Committed adorers, substitutes and drop-ins are all needed. Specific need at this time is Tuesdays at 3:00 PM.

If interested email cvadoration@gmail.com or call William Brandle at [\(319\)939-9000](tel:3199399000).

Thank You Notes

A big “thank you” to all the people who helped me celebrate my birthday with prayers, cards, and good wishes. God bless all of you. Father Reuter

What to do with blessed palms? As we proceed through Lent, many are wondering what to do with palm branches from previous Palm Sunday celebrations. Since they are blessed items, they serve as a sacramental, an item meant to draw us closer to the celebration of the Sacraments. These branches can be used in reverent decoration in the home, or disposed of by being buried in the ground or reverently burned, with the ashes committed to the ground. Do not put them in the landfill. Or if you prefer, once public Mass resumes, we will have baskets in the church entrances for you to place last years palms and we will reverently dispose of them for you.

Daily Readings

Mon Mar 23 Reading- Isaiah 65:17-21

Psalm- 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4

Gospel- John 4:43-54

Tues Mar 24 Reading- Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

Psalm- 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Gospel- John 5:1-16

Wed Mar 25 1st Reading- Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10

Psalm- 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11

2nd Reading- Hebrews 10:4-10

Gospel- Luke 1:26-38

Thur Mar 26 Reading- Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm- 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Gospel- John 9:1-41

Fri Mar 27 Reading- Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22

Psalm- 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23

Gospel – John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat Mar 28 Reading- Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm- 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12

Gospel- John 7:40-53

Sun Mar 29 1st Reading- Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm- 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

2nd Reading- Romans 8:8-11

Gospel- John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Your Sacrificial Offering

Previous week

Immaculate Conception Parish

Budget	\$9,584.58
Youth	\$2.00
Offertory	\$529.00
E-tithing	\$1,402.50
TOTAL	\$11,518.08
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00

St. Joseph Parish

Budget	\$2,010.00
Offertory	\$72.00
E-tithing	\$575.00
TOTAL	\$2,657.00
Needed Each Week	\$4,359.83

Actions polled - Abortion, Euthanasia, and Physician Assisted Suicide.

In a poll conducted by RealClear Opinion Research, Catholics were asked the following: Do you believe these actions are intrinsically evil?

Abortion - 47% replied Evil, 53% replied Not Evil.

Euthanasia- 45% replied Evil, 55% replied Not Evil.

Physician Assisted Suicide - 41% replied Evil, 59% replied Not Evil.

What is wrong? What can be done to educate our Catholics about this culture of death? We should know that God creates all life and we should know that it is wrong to destroy what God has created. Any Catholic who does not know this needs to be educated.

For more details see <https://www.ewtnnews.com/poll-2.asp>

AREA EVENTS



American Legion – Gilbertville
The last two Fish Fry's have been cancelled.

CEW- Cancelled

Jesup KC's Council 8227 WILL NOT HAVE a meeting in March. We hope everything is calmer soon so we will be able to have our meeting next month. Thanks

GRW T-Ball and Pitching Machine League

As of right now, we are still planning on having GRW T-Ball and Pitching Machine league this spring. Starting and ending dates may change as needed but we believe when this is all over, our kids will need an activity such as this to get them outside and socializing with others.

Unfortunately with the school closures, we were unable to send home copies of the sign-up form with the students. There is a form available on our Facebook page (**GRW T-Ball and Pitching Machine League**), feel free to print off a copy and send it to Erin Hogan 6831 E Washburn Rd Waterloo Iowa 50701. I also have copies of the form here at my home, if you would like to stop by and pick one up or if you would like to drop off your payment here that is fine too. Please message me at 319-830-1672 if you plan to stop by.

Be sure to fill out the form in its entirety in the event that we have to cancel the 2020 season or you decide to not have your child participate so that we can send you a refund.

Thanks so much for your patience and understanding!
~GRW T-Ball and Pitching Machine Committee

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JOB OPENING: St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center seeks a part time bookkeeper beginning July 1. Please send letters of interest to 1019 West 23rd St., Cedar Falls 50613, or email to dbq303sec@dbqarch.org, by April 10.



School News

Bosco Catholic School System
www.boscocatholic.org

Little Dons Girls Basketball Cancelled

The Wartburg Wind Ensemble - Cancelled

Don Bosco Spring Musical – Cancelled

Don Bosco's Spring Blood Drive is coming up on **Tuesday, April 7 from 1:00 to 6:00 P.M.** In the midst of school closures we are moving this event to the American Legion in Gilbertville (1110 6th St.). It is essential that we not cancel this event. The FDA is urging eligible donors to donate. More than 25% of the blood collected is needed for patients undergoing cancer treatment, the remainder collected is needed for patients undergoing other life sustaining treatments and for emergencies and surgeries. It is very important that we continue to collect blood for our patients.

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Or visit redcrossblood.org or contact Sharon Mayer 319-240-3461 or Julie Frost 319-215-6948

Below is a link to a YouTube video produced by the FDA that discusses the absolute need for blood donors:

- <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=daWHi21Jiu4&feature=youtu.be>

Some more points to consider:

- Two federal agencies are urging people in the United States to continue donating blood during the coronavirus pandemic.
- The US Department of Health and Human Services, the US Food and Drug Administration and US blood banks are urging blood donations and trying to calm fears. They said in a statement that coronavirus **does not pose any known risks to blood donors during the donation process.**
- The FDA and HHS said the cancellation of blood drives means they are unable to keep the blood supply adequately replenished.
- "We need people to prevent the blood supply from getting depleted. We need it not to get to the point that surgeries are having to get canceled," Marks said. "That's something we absolutely do not want to have happen. To ensure an adequate blood supply we need people to come out and donate blood."
- The FDA said there "have been no reported or suspected cases of transfusion-transmitted coronavirus and the virus poses no known risk to patients receiving blood transfusions."
- "It is safe to donate blood," said Admiral Dr. Brett P. Giroir, assistant secretary for HHS. "Part of preparedness includes a robust blood supply. Healthy individuals should schedule an appointment to donate today to ensure that blood is available for those patients who need it."
- Kate Fry, chief executive of America's Blood Centers, which collects close to 60% of the nation's blood supply, urged people to donate before things get worse.
- "Blood donors are needed now more than ever. We cannot wait for the situation to intensify further before taking action," Fry said. The blood supply cannot be taken for granted and the coronavirus only heightens the need for a ready blood supply."