



March 22, 2020—4th Sunday of Lent

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 7:00PM. Sunday: 8:00 AM

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From Father Rich...

Eye Witness

'Pope Francis tracks the blind man's path in the Gospel from spiritual blindness to light. Can you relate to your own spiritual blindness slowly turning to light in your life?'

"The path of the blind man ... is a gradual process that begins with knowing Jesus' name. He does not know anything else about him. In fact, he says: "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes" (Jn 9:11). In response to the pressing questions of the doctors of the law he first says that Jesus is a prophet (Jn 9:17)) and then a man close to God (Jn 9:31). After he is thrown out of the Temple, excluded from society, Jesus finds him again and "opens his eyes" a second time, revealing to him his true identity: "I am the Messiah," he tells him. At this point, the man who was blind exclaims: "I believe, Lord!" (Jn 9:38), and prostrates himself before Jesus.

This is a passage of the Gospel that gives us a glimpse of the drama of the interior blindness of many people. And we glimpse our own interior blindness too because we sometimes have moments of such blindness. ... Let us open ourselves to the light of the Lord, he awaits us always in order to enable us to see better, to give us more light, to forgive us. Let us not forget this!"

Pope Francis March 30, 2014

From The Pastor...

There are no Masses being celebrated in the Diocese of Superior due to the coronavirus/COVID19 pandemic beginning March 18 until further notice. There is a letter below from Bishop Powers describing the decision. The precautions that are being taken are very prudent. This "coronavirus flu" can be very deadly to those who have compromised health situations. It was hard to get my head around what was happening at first. But now I know we will get through this moment. Everyday there is new information and instructions. We have to be attentive and informed as we move forward.

I have spoken to many people who are concerned. I am, too. But, remember we have faith in God. God will not abandon us, God will never abandon us.

Although we cannot gather on the weekends for a while, we can still pray and reach out to one another maintaining social distancing as best we can.

Here are some ideas:

- Pray. Make a commitment to pray every day to get through this time.
- Make phone calls to a neighbor or relative who are unable to go out or have face to face conversation from social distancing.
- Offer to shop groceries and figure out a way to drop off the food without physical contact
- Watch Mass from St. Bridget's on FB or St. Bridget's Website or other churches on line. We will have Mass posted by Sunday morning.
- Our St. Bridget's Mass is broadcast on Hudson Community Television channel 16, (Com Cast Customers only) Wednesday 8:00 p.m. and Thursday 8:00 a.m.
- Radio Mass from St. Bridget's Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. on WEVR 106.3 FM and 1550 AM
- Use FORMED The Catholic Faith. On Demand. I call it NetFlix for Catholics. We have a subscription through the parish. You can use it for free. Thousands of movies and studies available. Go to saintbridgts.formed.org, enter your email and create a password (you'll need this to login later) and you are in. We recommend you start with Presence and/or Brother Francis (for youth)
- Finally, we want to continue our ministry here at St. Bridget and St. Mary's Parishes and have the obligation to support our staff who give generously in working for us. I appreciate the uncertainty and worry affecting many of you. If you are able, please continue to provide your financial support to our parish. Since you cannot attend Mass, you may want to consider making a gift electronically if you do not already. You can contact the office for assistance or simply mail in your contribution. Contributions can also be dropped off in the church in the mail slot of the Joany Shepard Library during the day at St. Bridget's. At St. Mary's there is a mail box drop at the rectory offices.

Please feel free to call Fr. Rich or myself if you want to talk.

"The St. Bridget, St. Mary Immaculate Conception, and Newman communities are praying for all of you and your loved ones:

We are still here for you!"

Fr. Jerry Harris

Prayer for healing of coronavirus

Lord, Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Corona virus COVID - 19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them, for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success, for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease until moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your mercy. Amen
Pedro de la Cruz.

All Church Activities

All church related activities have been canceled until further notice. This includes Mass, Communal Penance, Faith Formation and any other activities associated with the church. Stay in and stay healthy!



Totus Tuus 2020



Totus Tuus (pronounced tote-es too-es) (Latin for “Totally Yours”) is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Totus Tuus strives to help young people to know and love their faith so that they may live it in today’s world. The Totus Tuus team consists of four college students and seminarians from across the United States (two men and two women). The team members mission is to teach the faith and inspire the young. The leaders help to make the faith real to our children and youth, making faith a way of life and love, not simply a set of rules and obligations to be followed. The Totus Tuus program is based on a six-year rotating cycle of curriculum: this year’s curriculum will be The Commandments.

Elementary Program (children entering gr. 1-6):

Monday-Friday, June 29th - July 3rd, 9 am to 2:30 pm

Junior/Senior High Program (teens entering gr. 7-12):

Sunday through Thursday evenings, June 28th – July 2nd, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

There are registration forms located on the table in the back of church and can also be found online at St. Mary’s Website: www.stmaryshammond.org > Forms

If you are interested in serving as a host home for the team or donating to the food costs, supplies etc. or have questions on the program please contact Tina Bauer (tinabauer@smicparish.org or 715-279-3505).

Where Can I Find the St. Bridget Sunday Mass?

Father will be recording a Mass on Saturday night. This Mass will be available on our [website](#) and our [Facebook](#) page on Sunday morning.

That Mass will also be aired Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on WEVR radio, 1550 AM/106.3 FM.

The Hudson Community Television channel 16, will also air this Mass on Wednesday 8:00 p.m. and Thursday 8:00 a.m. This is for Comcast customers only.



DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 17, 2020

To the faithful of the Diocese of Superior,

My dear brothers and sisters, as we find ourselves in the uncertainty, confusion, and fear of the day, may we find comfort and hope in the One in whom we can be certain of. In the words of the breast plate prayer of St. Patrick:

Christ be with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me.

In my letter of March 12, I stated that I would keep you updated as the COVID19 situation warrants. With all that has happened over the weekend and especially with the CDC limiting public gatherings to 50 or less, (with the high probability that will be reduced further) I find it necessary to take this next drastic step.

Effective Wednesday, March 18, I am suspending the public celebration of Masses until further notice. This action is something I take very seriously. The celebration of the Eucharist is the "indispensable source and summit" of the Christian life. Historically, in times of crisis the faithful naturally turn to the Church for comfort and direction and we need to do whatever we can to support our people. Therefore, although the public celebration of the Mass is suspended, I ask that we as bishop and priests, the spiritual shepherds of the Diocese, continue to celebrate weekday and Sunday Masses including the Sunday "pro Populo" Mass as required by canon law. I also ask, that where possible, our churches remain open at least part of the day for private prayer and that you encourage your people to reserve some part of their day for private prayer and devotions.

We know that a natural part of parish life includes the celebration of weddings, funerals, and baptisms. At this time, these celebrations should still take place. HOWEVER, you need to work with families to try and limit attendance. Communal reconciliation services should be cancelled and confessions should be limited to individual confession, and I suggest behind a screen. Some of you have called about communal Anointing of Sick services. I suggest these be cancelled. If you would want to do anything, set a time for 30-60 minutes where you will be available for any who would want to come to be anointed. Also, as we find ourselves in the middle of the Lenten season, one of the important elements for our elect is participation in the scrutinies. Please let all those involved know that I am dispensing individuals from these.

In this time of uncertainty, while it is important that we remain as pastoral as possible, it is also important that we be prudent in our course of action. Therefore, effective Wednesday, March 18, ALL non-essential Parish gatherings should be postponed (including Friday evening fish fries). During times like this, we know how important it is to let those who are in elderly living situations and the homebound know that they are not forgotten. Although many of these facilities are probably locked down to outside visitors, it is important that we keep in touch with them via the telephone or technological forms of communication.

As you also know, our Catholic and Public schools are discontinuing in-school instructions as of the 18th and all classroom Religious Education programs should be stopped as well. Mrs. Peggy Schoenfuss, Superintendent of Catholic Schools and Director of Catholic Formation, has been in contact with school principals in helping to develop plans for online and other homeschooling possibilities. She is also going to be meeting with our Religious Ed leaders to help them move forward with home-based catechesis at this time.

The Priests Assembly has been cancelled as well as the “public” celebration of the Chrism Mass. I do plan to celebrate the Chrism Mass and we are looking into having it live streamed from the Cathedral.

Once again, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me, Deb Lieberg, or Paul Birch know.

Lastly, let us hold each other in prayer during this time of concern. Together, we can pray this Spiritual Act of Communion.

An Act of 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.

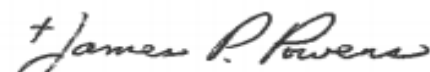
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

As we journey through this most difficult time may the Lord guide, guard, bless and protect each and everyone of us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



James P. Powers

Bishop, Diocese of Superior

PRAYER LIST

PASTORAL MINISTRY

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Want someone prayed for, or listed in the bulletin prayer list? Please notify our prayer chain contact, Roxi Wakeen at (715) 698-2622, Text (651) 894-3385 or the church office.

The name of your loved one will be prayed for two months or unless you request it otherwise. You can resubmit your loved ones names at anytime.

Doug Pedrotty	Dominic Pedrotty	Kay Suckow
Donald Anibas	John Will	Bob Weninger
Ken Weiss	Lorraine Miller	Jim Kitchner
Charlene Bretl	Rebecca Eckman	Michael Pedrotty
David Bazille	Emma Schommer	Heather Jaszczak
Sammie Criego		

Scripture Readings

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Monday, 3/23	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54	PS 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
Tuesday, 3/24	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16	PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Wednesday, 3/25	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38	PS 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Thursday, 3/26	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47	PS 106:19-20, 21-22, 23
Friday, 3/27	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	PS 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23
Saturday, 3/28	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53	PS 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12
Sunday, 3/29	Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45	PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Tithes and Financial (prior week)

Adult Envelopes	\$4,074.00
Loose	\$290.89
Week #34 Budget	\$3,450.00
Week #34 Actual	\$4,364.89
YTD Budget	\$155,830.00
YTD Actual	\$158,696.41
CSA Goal	\$37,819.00
CSA Received	\$9,065.00
Percentage of Goal	24%

KC Corner

Next meeting is in April
has been cancelled



FAITH IN ACTION UPDATE

FAMILY Program

Family of the Month

Family of the Month February 2020

Eric and Kelly Becker Family
CONGRATULATIONS!!

FAITH Program

March 29th Fifth Sunday Rosary before Mass and Fellowship after Mass has been cancelled.

Lenten Day of Reflection

A Lenten Men's and Women's Day of Reflection

----- **Retreat has been postponed** -----

Location: St John's Catholic Church - Glenwood City
Registration forms are available in back of church.

COMMUNITY Program

Friday Fish Fry

The Friday Fish Fry has been cancelled.

Annual KC Euchre Tournament

The Euchre Tournament has been cancelled.

2020 Knight GALA Affair

The Knight GALA Affair has been cancelled.



Mass Schedule - Immaculate Conception

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
TH	3/26	Cancelled	+ People's Mass	
SAT	3/28	Cancelled	+ Marianne Mayer	Jourdeans Family
SUN	3/29	Cancelled	+ Pete Bossman	Suckow Family

Mass Schedule - St. Bridget's, River Falls

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
SAT	3/28	Cancelled	+	
SUN	3/29	Cancelled	+	
		Cancelled	+ Churches of St. Bridget and St. Mary's	
		Cancelled	+ Mass at UWRF Newman Center	

+Rest In Peace,
*Holy Mass for
The Living,

BCC=Baldwin
Care Center,
STM=St. Mary's
Church & Coffee
and Scripture,
HHC=Hammond
Health Care



Eucharistic Adoration Thursday Mornings - On Thursday mornings, we have Eucharistic Adoration. When we have Mass at 8am in Church, Adoration will begin after Mass and conclude around 10:30 am. If Mass is off site, for example at a nursing home, Adoration will begin at 9am and conclude around 11am.

Chancery Bulletin - You can view the Chancery bulletin here: <http://www.catholicdos.org/chancery-bulletin>

Ride to Worship - If you are unable to get to mass on Saturday or Sunday, please contact our church office and one of Welcoming Committee members will assist. We will try our best to get you there! Church office - Phone: (715) 796-2244; Email - admin@stmaryshammond.org; Office Hours: T & TH 11:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Please call the parish office for all scheduling.

Holy Communion for the Homebound - Call and leave your name and telephone number, and we will arrange a visit at your home by a Minister of Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick - First Mass of the quarter (Jan., April, July, & Oct.) at each nursing home and by appointment. Please call the cluster office for a priest to visit your home or hospital room - 715-796-2244.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Weekly on Sunday from 7:15 AM to 7:30 AM, or anytime by appointment.

Baptisms - A Baptism preparation is to be completed by parents prior to the Baptism of their first child.

Weddings - Weddings are to be scheduled six months prior to the wedding to allow for Marriage Preparation.

Spanish Mass - We have a large Spanish population in the area who are Catholic. To meet their spiritual needs, Mass in Spanish and English will be the second Saturday of the month at the 7:00p.m. at St. Mary's in Hammond. The prayers, readings, and intentions will be in Spanish and English. The Eucharistic Prayer will be in Spanish. We are blessed to have several members of St. Mary's who speak Spanish and will be able to help translate.