HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

IMPORTANT PARISH / OPERATIONS UPDATE – March 18, 2020

Holy Spirit Parish is taking the following action, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Dubuque, for the safety and well-being of our parishioners and to slow the spread of illness as the coronavirus pandemic continues to unfold.

Masses Cancelled

All public celebrations of Mass are cancelled until further notice. All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The following will be offered:

- Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM: Holy Mass with Archbishop Jackels presiding. A link to the broadcast will be available here.
- Tuesday, April 7, Chrism Mass: Livestream details TBA.

Parish Events Cancelled

All parish events are cancelled until further notice. This includes:

- Fundraising events
- Stations of the Cross
- Evening Holy Hour/Social/Night Prayer
- Faith Formation (RE)
- Prayer Group
- Card Clubs
- Bingo
- All Committee/Council Meetings

Sacraments

If you already have a baptism or wedding scheduled, we will still celebrate with you, but we must limit the number of those attending to 10 people or less. If you would like to reschedule, please contact the Parish Office at 563-583-1709. If you would like to schedule a funeral, we must once again ask that you limit the number of those attending to 10 people or less.

Faith Formation (RE)

Mark, Raegan and your child's catechist will be sending information for Faith Formation families to use at home to assist with your child's continual formation. They will be in contact with families in the coming days.

If you are looking for resources for your daily prayer life, please consider the following:

- Free online version of the Magnificat: https://us.magnificat.net/
- Consider spiritual communion in lieu of receiving Holy Communion at Mass, learn more here: Spiritual Communion
- Laudate App (for iPhone)
- USCCB Daily Readings

Confirmation/Holy Communion

At this time Confirmation Mass scheduled for May 10 at the Cathedral has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later time. First Communion has not yet been cancelled and we will update families as the situation progresses. The First Communion retreat for April 8th is cancelled.

Scrip

Effective immediately Scrip orders are suspended until further notice. *If you have an existing order please pick it up at the parish office by noon on Friday, March 20th.* If you cannot pick it up by Friday, please contact the parish office to schedule a time.

Bulletin

We will publish our bulletin with a reduced page count for the time being. The bulletin is available online at holyspiritdbq.org/bulletins**.** A copy of this week's bulletin (March 21-22) will be mailed to all parish households along with a letter from Father Steve.

Parish Halls & Gym Rental

Rentals of the Holy Ghost Gym and parish halls are suspended until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but the safety of our parishioners and community is most important.

Weekly Collection / Tithing

Parish members may continue to stay current with their contributions by mailing their weekly tithing envelope to the parish office; contacting the office to sign-up for EFT (electronic funds transfer); or, using our online giving portal at https://holyspiritdbq.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities. Instructions on how to do a one-time donation or recurring donation can be found here: https://www.holyspiritdbq.org/weshare-online-giving.

Thank you in advance for making every effort to *continue* your support.

Parish Office Hours

As social distancing recommendations are released by the CDC, we are increasingly concerned for the safety and well-being of our parish staff; therefore, the parish office will reduce hours to the following: Monday – Friday 8am-noon until further notice. If you need to contact the office outside of these hours, please call and leave a message at 563.583.1709 or email dbq059sec@dbqarch.org. If you need to visit the parish office, please call during these hours to make an appointment.

For More Information

If you have any questions about these updates or need additional information, please call the Parish Office at 563-583-1709.

We will also continue to update our website and Facebook page with all the latest information for you.

Thank you for your support and know of our continued prayers for you!

God come to our assistance. Lord make haste to help us.

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