

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 22, 2020

Keep the Faith:

Dear Our Lady of the Holy Spirit and St. Isidore Parishioners,

Due to the mandated "Stay at Home" from the Governor of Illinois. Please stay tuned to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit and St. Isidore facebook pages for information. Father will be offering masses via LIVE STREAM on facebook and posting to the facebook pages as well as a YouTube page. To get to the YouTube page, go to

www.mtzolhs.org and use the tab "VIDEO MASSES" Within these videos Father is answering questions that the faithful have asked as well. Stay tuned.

Of course, all activities, events, etc have been cancelled per the Governor and the Bishop. If you would like to read the information from the Bishop that explains a lot of unanswered questions. Go to dio.org

During these trying times, let us thank the Lord for the gift of our faith and pray for all the 'front line' people that are putting our needs above their own safety. Be Smart, Safe, and Stay Well.

Have you been joining us for mass but not registered? We sure would love to have you in the computer as a part of our parish family and not a visitor. There are forms in the vestibule. Just fill them out and drop them into the collection basket or the locked drop box outside the parish office door.

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LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. **FAST** - Everyone 18

years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

PLEASE BE AWARE: Now is the time to continue to support your parish. Please keep in mind the ways you are able to continue to support us. Our Lady of the Holy Spirit has a locked brown box outside the Parish Office Door. The Parish Office is where? The parish office is located behind the church, follow the parish office sign as you enter the parking lot. **ONLINE GIVING** is available as well to set up via the website. Don't know how to do something such as that? There is a video address in the Parish Connections and Suggestions area of this bulletin and also a link on the website tabs. The website is www.mtzolhs.org Or you are welcome to drop your envelope into the USPS mail. Any way you choose is most greatly appreciated.

At the time of this bulletin: The church is still available for the faithful to come and pray on their own time. But **PLEASE ABIDE BY THE DISTANCE** suggestions as well as **LIMIT OF PEOPLE NUMBER**... Stay 6 to 10 feet apart and no more than 10 people gathered. Please be considerate and wash hands before entering the sanctuary as well as when you leave. IF you could please sanitize your area of prayer. Bringing a Lysol wipe or spray with you is a great idea! Reminder: **YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED** to attend mass in your physical presence at this time. **LIVE STREAMING** is available and suggested.

Please consult the CDC for the guidelines of COVID-19 prevention.

Please refer to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois website for pertinent information concerning COVID-19. dio.org

GOING CRAZY? Get back in touch with daily prayer, family activities, baking, spring cleaning, reading, exercising, EWTN, FORMED, CHRISTIAN MOVIES, search the internet for ideas of crafts to do with the kiddos, use this opportunity to grow in faith. Praise the Lord for your health and the healing of others.



Parish Connections **and Suggestions**

Mobile App: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit

Website: www.mtzolhs.org

Facebook: [Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church and St. Isidore Catholic Church – Bethany](#)

FORMED.org The Catholic Faith on Demand. Go to www.mtzolhs.formed.org. It will take you directly to create your account.

Are you new and need to fill out parishioner forms?

Packets are in the vestibule. They can also be found under the Contact/Join Our Parishes dropdown tab on the website: www.mtzolhs.org

If you are at/or in the hospital and would like for Father to visit, please call the following number that will go directly to him. 815-317-6547.

Parish Council What is it? Who are the representatives?

A pastoral/parish council is a consultative body that serves to advise the parish about pastoral/parish issues. The voting members are: Father Steven Arisman, Marie Baker, Mary Ann & Tom Beck, Laurie Bolsen, Steve Bowman, Sergio Casillas/President, Jill Driscoll, Amanda Finn, Kevin Fritzsche, Derek Green, Cayla Hittmeier. Non-voting members: Owen Baker, Mandy Hoffman, Donna Myers, Karen Rossi, Katelyn VanDyke, Carol Waller. If you have something that you feel needs attention or is concerning, please go through one of these people and it will be presented to Father Arisman. The council minutes are posted in the parish hall.

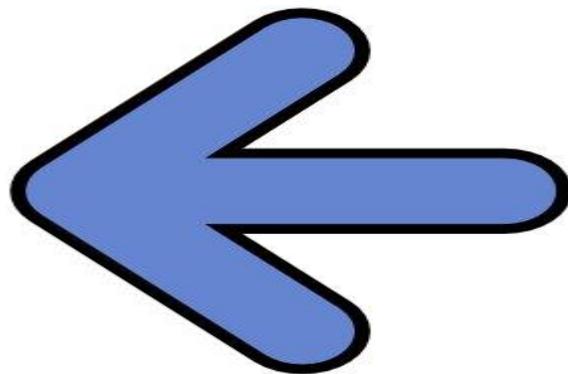
ONLINE GIVING Go to our church website at www.mtzolhs.org and set up online giving. Or go to OLGapp.com and click on the app store for your device. There is a video that walks you through how to set up one-time or recurring online giving for general tithing or Capital Campaign. The link address is:

<https://youtu.be/kWIs4AvfMo4>

Please consider including Our Lady of the Holy Spirit or St. Isidore in your bequests, trusts, wills or financial plans. Provide a gift that will witness the importance of your Catholic faith and help sustain our mission for generations to come.

A locked dropbox is located by the parish office door for 24/7 drop off of paperwork, registrations, collection envelopes, etc.

Lord of Creation & Salvation, we need you now more than ever. We, the Church, are hurting. Increase our faith in Your presence in the Church at this time. Heal our hearts; encourage us in our faith; deepen our commitment to You; enliven us with a renewed love for all that is good & holy. Never let any of us depart from You or the Catholic Church, our true home. Amen



STAY INFORMED and SAFE via Social Media. Don't know what it is? Maybe now is the time to learn and join in. Facebook is an easy avenue to maneuver and you can stay connect with others. Our website is another. Just type in www.mtzolhs.org into your search bar on your computer. Cell phone text messaging is another way if you have friends phone numbers. OR...The GOOD OLD TELEPHONE is another way. Check on your neighbors, elderly, friends, family, fellow parishioners via these non-contact methods. We are all in this together and just a call or message may bring loads of comfort to someone.

WE MISS YOU!!!

