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# 3rd Sunday of Easter April 19, 2020

There is so much love being spread throughout our school community right now!



















I am encouraged by signs of good news in our battle with the virus. We will wait for indications that it is safe for us to resume our regular activities, but in the meantime, I think we should draw hope from positive signs.

For now, I will continue to release videos of our Sunday Masses that people can view at their convenience on YouTube. There is information about how to access these videos on our parish website and notifications are sent through My Parish App.

I asked parishioners to make suggestions about things that we should plan for when we do return to normal activity. One of the highest items on the list of recommendations was just returning to Sunday Mass and daily Mass. I know that this has been particularly difficult for many. I agree that this is one of the great top priorities.

We will have some celebrations that we will need to plan for, including a rescheduled First Communion for our second-grade students, a celebration Mass for our eighth-grade graduates, and the entrance into the Church of our RCIA candidates.

Other suggestions: We missed the Msgr. Rank Mass, so it would be appropriate to pray for the faithful departed among our parishioners, their families and friends. We have also had five burials since the shutdown for which the funeral Mass had to be delayed. I want to pray especially for those five families who have not had the opportunity to grieve that would normally occur through a visitation and funeral.

There is interest in holding our post-Lent Fish Fry, as well as Donut Sundays, and a parish picnic as an opportunity to socialize. Some have asked how they can get more involved and volunteer for various activities. We can work on encouraging more participation once we've returned to Mass. We will also survey the parish about the best means of communicating, since we've had to use more digital communication in place of the printed parish bulletin during these past weeks.

Stay strong and we will be back soon.

-Msgr. Gray

## **Our Sympathy**

Jane Cottingham mother of Rachel Hardin

Dolores Oppe

Walter Gutzwiller father of Jeff Gutzwiller

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, April 27, 2020

7:00 a.m. Ric and Joe Olson/Jackie Toschak

8:00 a.m. Mary and Gene Leihenseder/Dave and Rose Chase

#### Tuesday, April 28, 2020

7:00 a.m. Ann Ribando 4th Anniv/Steve and Linda Schrader

8:00 a.m. Rommel Bautista/The Bennett Family

#### Wednesday, April 29, 2020

7:00 a.m. Dr. James N. Kenny, Sr./Family

8:00 a.m. Vivincio E. Corrales/Felix and Juanita Corrales

#### Thursday, April 30, 2020

7:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

8:00 a.m. Cyril and Mary McNamara/Jeanne Whalen

#### Friday, May 1, 2020

7:00 a.m. Frank Eaton/Linda Lee Hunter

8:00 a.m. World Peace and Special Prayer Intentions

#### Saturday, May 2, 2020

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

10:00 a.m. Wanda Shewmake/Family

5:00 p.m. Bob Pendergrass/Austin and Melissa Griggs

#### Sunday, May 3, 2020

7:00 a.m. Lucille and Melvin Noe/Family

9:00 a.m. For the People

11:00 a.m. Jack and Jane Donnelly/Bob and Mary Ann Knight

5:00 p.m. Dottie Flores/The Catholic Women's League

### Stay in Touch

- Join Msgr. Gray for weekend Mass. Link can be found on the parish website, stthomaspeoria.org
- 2. **Bookmark the Parish Blog** which will feature regular updates (iaray.ora/st thomas).
- 3. **Download My Parish App** to receive push notifications (Visit myparishapp.com/download).
- 4. **Receive the Bulletin** and announcements in weekly emails from the parish. (Email parishoffice@stthomas-church.net to sign up).
- 5. **Bookmark the parish webpage** (stthomaspeoria.org).

## Financial Assistance Available for 2020/2021 School Year

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL MAY 31, 2020**

Information about the grants and application materials may be found on the Diocesan website at www.cdop.org under Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance. Consult the revised detailed protocols and procedures and the checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving scholarships are reminded that they are for one year only, and anyone seeking to receive a scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year must reapply.

For assistance contact Pat in the parish office (309) 688-3446.

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Parents participate Baptism class before the Baptism of their first child. Contact the parish office to schedule the class

#### Confessions

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm & 6:00-6:30 p.m.

#### How to Submit Bulletin Information

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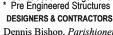
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