

Reflections of the Rector



Dear brothers and sisters,

I cannot fully express in words how excited I am because we can now again pray together. Things are not fully back to normal yet, but we keep praying they will be soon. In the meantime there are some things that we need to consider if we want to come to Mass, which I'll cover here.

This first thing to consider is that the dispensation from our Sunday obligation is still in place. That means that for the time being we are not required to come to Sunday Mass. Once this changes we will let you know.

Vulnerable Persons

Those who are 65 and older and/or have underlying medical conditions are considered to be at a high risk if they contract COVID-19. Furthermore, people in this category are not to exercise any ministry. If you fall within this group, we highly encourage you to stay home until the situation improves.

Social Distancing

Parishioners must be seated at a minimum of six feet apart, and this will require only every third pew to be utilized. Those who live together (families and couples) may sit closer together, and certain sections of pews will be reserved for this purpose.

Seat Reservation

In order to keep track of attendance and possible contact, only people that sign up ahead of time will be allowed in the church. To sign up please go to our website.

Gathering and dispersing

We ask that people do not gather before or after Masses in church property.

Bathrooms

All bathrooms will be locked during these weeks.

Facemasks

Facemasks are to be worn by all adults and children over the age of 2 in order to attend Mass, keeping in mind the difficulties this might provoke in those with behavioral or mental disabilities. Those who do not wear facemasks cannot be allowed into the church. Thanks to the generosity of some parishioners, we will be able to provide some for those who need them. Let one of the priests know if you need one before you come.

Loose Paper Materials

No worship aids, nor newsletters, will be handed out at church during this time.

Liturgical Ministries

During this time Mass will be celebrated with a very limited number of ministers. Based on people who sign up, priests will contact people directly for assistance.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of each Mass. Only priests will distribute Communion. Ushers will direct traffic towards the priests, who will be standing in the back.

I know it's a lot to take, but we just want everyone to be safe. We are very grateful for your understanding and cooperation.

In Christ,

Fr. David Esquiliano

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Sacred Music

Singing the Mass and COVID-19

As you know, the last few months have been extraordinary. Now that some of you are back and able to attend mass in person, I want to talk about singing the mass.

First, notice the language—"singing the mass" as opposed to "singing **at** mass." When we sing the mass, we're singing the parts that belong to us: the responses, the mass Ordinary, and then the Propers or hymns. This is what the Church considers the ideal. Unfortunately, this ideal is still several weeks (or months) away.

There are several scientific reports of COVID-19 spreading more easily through singing, even if we wear masks. For this reason, most of the music sung for the next few weeks will be sung by the cantor only. There might be masses with no music at all, and for that I am sorry, but limiting exposure is in the best interest of everyone's health.

Sadly, I will not be here to witness the reopening of our churches for very long. I've accepted a new position out of state and will begin my work there in mid-July. I've been at the Cathedral for 20 years now, but it's time for me to move on. I'm exceedingly proud of what's been accomplished with our Cathedral Choir and world-class pipe organ, and wish nothing but the best for the faithful of the Cathedral parish and our diocese. I would ask you to please be patient with whoever is hired to replace me, as it is a unique position in the diocese and Midwest. He or she will need time to grow into the position, and the pandemic makes it just a bit more difficult.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Matthew Geerlings

<i>The Financial Corner</i>	
<u>INCOME</u>	May-20
Weekly Offerings	\$ 34,150.50
Loose Offerings	\$ 20.00
Programming Support	\$ 7,270.33
Other Income	\$ 5,861.17
Total Parish Income	\$ 47,302.00
<u>EXPENSE</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 49,485.51
Administrative Expenses	\$ 3,984.96
Ministry Expenses	\$ 4,161.65
Utility Bills & Repairs	\$ 15,549.17
Assessments	\$ 7,705.00
Other Expenses	\$ 831.32
Total Expenses	\$ 81,717.61
Net Income	\$ (34,415.61)

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Faith and Sacramental Formation



What is Baptism?

“Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: ‘Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1213).

Why is it important for parents to have their children baptized?

“Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children have need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all men are called. The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant Baptism. The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth.

Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1250-1251).

How and when can you Baptize a child who is under 7 years old?

- ◆ Parents and godparents who are registered and remain active in the Cathedral, who have previously attended the Pre-Baptismal preparation.
- ◆ Parents and godparents who register as new members of the Cathedral and who attend the Pre-Baptismal preparation, may baptize the child, but to baptize in the future, if they do not remain active in the Cathedral, they will have to renew the Pre-Baptismal preparation.
- ◆ Parents and godparents who are registered and are active members in other parishes, must bring a valid proof of attendance from the Pre-Baptismal talks as well as a letter of permission from their pastor.
- ◆ They will be able to baptize as long as they meet the requirements and verifying in the office the day they prefer to baptize on the dates already established (they are regularly the first and third Saturdays of each month at 11am).

The steps to follow to Baptize:

1. Parents must go to the office to fill out the form with the information required for the baptism in addition to turning in the necessary documents.
2. Registered parents and godparents who remain active or who register as new members in the Cathedral, should attend a Pre-Baptismal catechetical talk "Reborn", which explains the Sacrament of Baptism to help parents understand their role as the first educators of the faith of their children.
3. Parents and godparents who are not registered in the cathedral, must complete the Pre-Baptismal preparation in the church where they are registered and bring the proof of valid attendance of the Pre-Baptismal talks, as well as a letter of permission from their parish pastor.

The requirements to be a Godfather or Godmother:

- Only one person is required for the child to be baptized, being unmarried who are not living in amasiato (that is, couples who live together without being married to the church are not allowed to be godparents), but they can be two people (a married couple in the Catholic Church).
- Be a Catholic person and have celebrated the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation).
- Be 18 years of age or older as required by the Diocese of Sioux City.
- Being a faithful and practicing Catholic person, that is: attending Mass every Sunday and holidays, being faithful to the Church's laws on marriage, being a registered member and remaining active in a Catholic parish.
- Be registered members of the Cathedral. If you are registered in another parish, you must present a letter from your pastor indicating that you may be a sponsor.
- The child's parents cannot be the godparents.

Bring the following documentation to the office when you go to fill the baptismal application form:

- ◇ The birth certificate, (if the child has already been born).
- ◇ The marriage certificate of catholic church, from the godparents
- ◇ The godfather / godmother's confirmation certificate if he / she is single.
- ◇ \$ 50.00 for all the paperwork and preparation (which is not returned in case of cancellation).

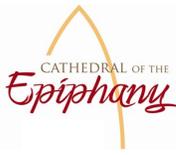
How can you have a Mass for the quinceañera?

If you are planning a quinceañera for the year 2021, Masses have already been scheduled. The cathedral parish is offering six dates for Quinceañera Masses and they are as follows: **May 22, June 31, July 28, August 28, September 25, and October 30**. On each date, more than one fifteen-year-old can be accommodated, her damas and chambelanes, reservations will be made in the order in which they arrive. The benefit of offering these dates is that quinceañeras will have the celebration of Holy Mass, instead of just a blessing with a service of The Liturgy of the Word. Young women in the parish will continue to have the option of receiving a blessing during Masses over the weekend. Please contact the office first to schedule an appointment or contact the Director of Faith and Sacramental Formation for further questions or to begin the process and plan the quinceañera.

In Christ Our Savior,

Santa Fernandez

Director of Faith and Sacramental Formation



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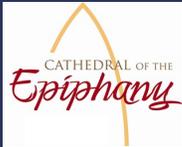
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUESDAY 5:30p-6:30pm St. Joseph
MONDAY-SUNDAY 24 Hour
Adoration Chapel-Epiphany Center

MASS SCHEDULE

MON.-FRI. 12:00 pm Cathedral *English*
5:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*
SATURDAY: 4:00 pm St. Boniface *English*
6:00 pm Cathedral *Spanish*
SUNDAY: 8:30 am Cathedral *Latin*
8:30 am St. Joseph *English*
10:00 am Cathedral *English*
10:30 am St. Boniface *Spanish*
12:00 pm Cathedral *Spanish*
12:30 pm St. Joseph *Vietnamese*
1:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*

MASSES HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Anticipated / Vigil
5:30 p.m. St. Boniface (English)
5:30 p.m. Cathedral (Spanish)
On the Day of the Solemnity
7:00 a.m. St. Joseph (English)
12:00 p.m. Cathedral (English)
5:30 p.m. Cathedral (Spanish)

MASS CIVIL HOLIDAYS

9:00am Cathedral (Bilingual)

CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY 8:00a- 8:30a St Joseph
MONDAY 4:30p -5:30p Cathedral
TUESDAY 4:30p -5:30p Cathedral
WEDNESDAY 4:30p-5:30p Cathedral
THURSDAY 4:30p-5:30p Cathedral
FRIDAY 11:30a -12:00p Cathedral
4:30p to 5:30p Cathedral
SATURDAY 3:00p to 4:00p St. Boniface
5:00p to 6:00p Cathedral