

**Sts. Mary and Joseph Catholic Parish, 637 Iver St., Valparaiso, NE 68065**  
**May 17, 2020, 6th Sunday of Easter**  
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**Masses in your area: [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org)**  
**ALL MASSES (except 4pm on Saturday) STREAMED LIVE ON OUR PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE**

May 18 Mon	7:00am	+Agnes Waiss	St John I
May 19 Tue	7:00am	+Sarah Sand	Easter Weekday
May 20 Wed	7:00am	+Charles & Emma Hladik	St Bernadine of Siena
<b>May 21 Thu</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	for the People of the Parish	<b>Holy Day ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
May 22 Fri	7:00am	Jacob Swanson	St Rita of Casia
May 23 Sat	7:00am	Fr Ron Homes (Ann. Ordination)	Easter Weekday
<b>May 23 Sat</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>for the People of the Parish</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>May 24 Sun</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Rosemary Homes (birthday)</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>

**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.  
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**Confessions:** Fr Zimmer will offer *drive through* Confessions 3-3:30pm on Saturdays. Drive to the EAST side of the Church, (under the awning by the AC & Heating units). Walk-ups permitted. This will be weather permitting. In case of inclement weather a phone message will go out with new instructions.

**If you are not getting Parish phone calls** please update your phone # with us. **Church Office#402-784-2511.**

**PCCW NEWS:** Due to COVID19, NO Meetings for PCCW till further notice.

**Knights of Columbus #8625:** Grand Knight: Roger Benes: 402-430-8836. We encourage **Knights** to continue to pray the **Rosary** for Religious Freedom. Val Days has been cancelled. Our GUN RAFFLE will be at a newly determined date. **So keep selling tickets!** And, last but not least, a very huge **thank you to Father Zimmer** for all that he has done for our Parish during this pandemic. God bless you Father.

**Catholic Daughters** will not have the meeting on May 18. Since we were suppose to vote on officers at this meeting, ballots for this election will be mailed out to all members. Please be sure to vote and return your ballot.

**Due to Covid19, The Valparaiso American Legion & Auxiliary** will not hold any services or lunch this year. Due to this there will not be a Mass on the Cemetery. However, please do remember our deceased service men & women in your prayers, in thanksgiving for their service to our Country. Also, good to remember all our deceased family members on this May 25, 2020 Memorial Day. **Fr Zimmer will have 7:00am Mass in the Church on Monday, May 25th.**



**Readings for May 24, 2020~ th Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading–** Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm –** Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

**Second Reading —** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel Acclamation–** Matthew 28:19a-20b

**Gospel–** Matthew 28:16-20



**INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS BEGINNING IN MAY:** also see back of Bulletin

Saints Mary and Joseph is “cautiously re-opening” Mass starting May 4. To do this safely, we need you to think like it’s March 14<sup>th</sup> again: You need to prudently weigh if you, personally, should be coming to Mass. There is no shame or sin in staying home. One Mass per day will still be livestreamed on our parish Facebook page. We will be skipping pews to maintain 6’ between families. There is additional seating in the parish hall, spread apart as well. This obviously means that not everybody will be able to come to mass that normally would so please be extremely certain it is safe for you to come before deciding to do so. I would encourage anybody who comes to wear a mask, but it is not required. Any acolyte who wants to help distribute communion will be required to wear a mask during the distribution. I will wear a mask as well. There will be no offertory and your tithes can be dropped in a basket at the back of the Church (or you can use e-tithe). Since no items except communion can be passed between people, I will not be able to have servers for the time being. When mass is over, please do not leave all at one time.

We are also going to be adapting the mass schedule slightly. Beginning Saturday/Sunday May 9/10 There will be two masses: **4pm on Saturday and 9am on Sunday (the 9am will be the livestreamed mass).** We’ll do it this way so that I can offer communion to many more families than could fit with the restrictions. Shortly after the 9am mass I will go into the parish hall and set up a communion station. Anybody who couldn’t get into the Church (due to numbers) or who didn’t feel safe coming into an enclosed place will be invited to come receive communion during that communion service. It will be limited to 1 family at a time so there should be 1 family up by the station, 1 family towards the back of the parish hall, and 1 family in the narthex. Other families should wait in their cars until a spot opens up. When your family has received, exit through the East door of the parish hall.

**Attention all parish members;** because we continue to social distance while in church; the following sacrament Masses will be restricted to those receiving the sacrament, their parents and siblings.



**Sunday May 31, 2020 - Confirmation at 2 p.m.**

**Sunday June 14, 2020 - First Holy Communion at 2 p.m.**



**Please Pray for our Seminarian** Mitchell Salcedo Schleis, 2018, St Gregory the Great Seminary, Pre-Theology II, 1 brother & 1 sister, Michael & Maria Schleis, 10/28/1993, Sacred Heart, Shelby.



**Congratulations to Kennedy Wright. She won the Pro-Life Poster Contest, in the 2nd grade, for the Lincoln Diocese. Good job Kennedy!**

**St. James – Administrative Assistant**

St. James Parish in Mead has an opening for Administrative Assistant. The position is approximately four to six hours per week, or possibly more. Experience with Quickbooks preferred but not required. Duties include: maintaining parish financial accounts; editing and printing the bulletin; handling online contributions; maintaining the parish census; updating parish website and Facebook pages. A willingness to work with unfamiliar software is a great help. Pay to be negotiated based upon experience. Contact Fr. Morin at 402-937-5785 or [fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net).

**WANTED:** The quilting ladies could use thread (any color, any brand, any amount on the spools) and safety pins (larger than one inch). Please leave on the table in the vestibule of church. Thank you.



**Online Catechesis “Give thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Eph 5:20**

God has placed us in a unique moment in history. As the rhythm of life changes daily, it is difficult to know how to tackle the challenges that come. St. Paul suggests that we thank God always, in all situations, trusting that He who has lead us to this moment, will lead us joyfully into the next. Parish and school catechists have the new challenge of continuing to share the faith with their students through distance learning. **The Office of Religious Education would like to offer some resourced and suggestions to help you meet this challenge. The Holy Spirit is infinitely creative. Ask Him to help you as you continue the good work you’ve begun.** Praise God for the blessings He gives you each day and continue to look for His work in the most unexpected ways Faith and Life Series Resources. Ignatius press, who publishes the *Faith and Life* and *Dldiche* series used by the diocese has a comprehensive online program for both the high school and elementary series. This is particularly helpful for those teachers desiring to keep track of students’ progress and learning as they study from home. They are offering this program free of charge. Either register a class or contact your principal or DRE to register your entire school or parish education program. <http://faithformation.zohosites.com/> The **Office of Religious Education website** has videos and Power Point presentations, and available for the Faith and Life series. The CCD materials are available at: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/parish-ccd/all> . The more comprehensive school materials are also available. These materials are more comprehensive than those created for CCD. **Check back often. New lessons and activities will be added during the upcoming weeks.** <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/grade-school/all> General Resources **These national companies are offering their online materials, free of charge, to all families and parishes.**

<https://www.catholicbrain.com/> <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/> <https://www.holyheroes.com/default.asp>  
<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/family/family-faith-and-fun>  
<https://www.pflaumweeklies.com/lesson-downloads/>



**Pope Francis’ Apostleship of Prayer for May 2020: For Deacons.** We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

\*If you are able to, and have not yet done so, please consider sending in your Charity and Stewardship Pledges. We rely on the percent of income returned to our parish each year for our annual budget. Your generosity, especially in this tough time is greatly appreciated. In doing so, God’s blessings to you a hundred-fold. Thank you.

**Guidelines and Safety Measures for Parishioners During Reopening**

As of May 4, 2020, parishes and religious institutions are now permitted to gather for the celebration of liturgies while practicing appropriate behaviors for containing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. These guidelines are subject to change in the event of new instructions from local or state health officials and the Office of the Bishop.

**General Guidelines:**

- The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation remains in place.
- Gatherings are limited to the Sacred Liturgy, so all forms of public liturgies in churches are permitted.
- All other parish and school activities remain restricted, including after-Mass gatherings such as coffee and rolls, funeral luncheons, wedding receptions, etc.
- The Bishop has restricted outdoor Mass.

**The following are encouraged to stay at home:**

- The sick
- The elderly
- People with underlying medical conditions
- Family members who live with elderly people or those who are at risk
- People who have access to those at risk in nursing institutions
- People who have upper respiratory or flu like symptoms
- People who live with someone with upper respiratory or flu like symptoms
- People with COVID-19 or live with someone with COVID-19
- People who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19

**Requested “Containment Practices” for those attending Mass:**

- Family members sit together
- Sit in every other pew
- Cough in your sleeve
- Place your contribution envelope in the basket provided as you enter or exit the church. The ushers will not “take up the collection” during Mass
- No hand holding during the Our Father
- Sign of Peace is omitted
- Form a single file line with 6-foot intervals when processing forward to receive Holy Communion
- Follow the instructions of the ushers
- Avoid gathering in the vestibule or near the doors of the church following Mass
- If requested, assist with sanitizing the church and other public areas following Mass
- Attend Mass in your home parish.