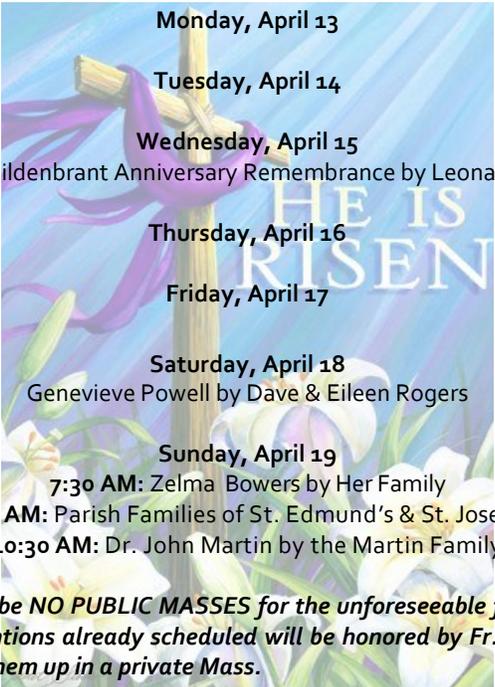


SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APR 13—19, 2020



Monday, April 13

Tuesday, April 14

Wednesday, April 15
Carol Hildenbrant Anniversary Remembrance by Leona Shafer

Thursday, April 16

Friday, April 17

Saturday, April 18
Genevieve Powell by Dave & Eileen Rogers

Sunday, April 19
7:30 AM: Zelma Bowers by Her Family
9:00 AM: Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
10:30 AM: Dr. John Martin by the Martin Family

There will be NO PUBLIC MASSES for the unforeseeable future, but Mass intentions already scheduled will be honored by Fr. Mike who will offer them up in a private Mass.



WE ARE NOW LIVE!!

For those interested, St. Edmund's is now able to offer **Online Giving**. Just go to our website, www.stedstjoe.org and click on the **Online Giving link**...it's **SAFE, QUICK** and **EASY**.

For those choosing to use **Online Giving**, if you had been using an envelope packet, you will not be given one in the future.

St. Edmund's Weekly Target for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering, April 4/5, 2020:	\$ 1,525.00
DEFICIT For the Week:	\$ (1,675.00)
St. Joseph's Sunday Offering, April 5, 2020:	\$ 0.00

the WORD among us

Copies of the **Easter** edition of *the Word among us* (April 12—May 31) are available for pick-up from the Rectory during normal office hours.

The department of Family Ministry at the Diocese of Joliet would like to share a wonderful resource entitled, "*God, Family and Friends*" in support of all families. It can be found on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofjoliet.org under *Christian Formation*, then go to *Youth Formation* and click on "*A Sunday Resource for all Parents!*"

Please pray for our Service Members . . .

- Staff Sgt. (USAF) Andrew Kelnhofer, son of Michelle Hastings
- PV2 Austin Grosvenor, great-grandson of Leona Shafer

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:

Mercy Sunday "A"

John 20: 19—31

"My Lord and my God!"

- On Easter night Jesus gave me the gift of "shalom." Peace, how do I live out that peace?
- On Easter night Jesus gave me the gift of the Holy Spirit. How do I welcome the Holy Spirit into my life?
- On Easter night Jesus gave me the gift of forgiveness of sin. How do I make the Sacrament of Reconciliation an important part of my Catholic life?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, risen from the dead, Thomas acknowledged the reality of your resurrection. Help me to appreciate the gifts you gave me on Easter Night and strengthen my faith to know that you are my Lord and my God. Amen!

Christ is risen! Truly he is risen!

DECREE IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN

Mindful of the current COVID-19 pandemic and all that it necessitates, especially regarding the suspensions of all public liturgies in the Diocese of Joliet, "know that I, Most Reverend Richard E. Pates, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, considering the advice provided by public health professionals and in consideration of the ongoing serious health risk to the People of God, I now decree the following:

- That the obligation to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season is removed this year due to the impossibility of attendance by the People of God at celebration of Holy Mass.
- That each of the faithful initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist is encouraged to offer an *Act of Spiritual Communion*, in union with the entire People of God in the Diocese and throughout the world in this time of stress and difficulty.
- That all of the faithful, in accord with the Tradition and Teaching of the Church, are urged to offer a perfect Act of Contrition, in complete dependence upon the mercy and love of God, in sorrow for all sins and with a firm resolve to confess all serious sin at the next available time."

Given in Joliet, on April 6, 2020

Most Rev. Richard E. Pates

Apostolic Administrator

Dr. David Castronovo, JD, JCD

Chancellor

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 22, 2020

Scholarship applications for BOTH, the **Robert Haas Memorial/Knights of Columbus Council 4391 Scholarship** and **St. Edmund CCW Scholarship** are DUE back by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020.

Applications can still be picked up at the Rectory during normal office hours, which are M-F, 8 a.m.—12 p.m.

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MASSSES:	M-W-TH-F	7:30 AM
	SATURDAY	5:00 PM
	SUNDAY	7:30 & 10:30 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 4:30-4:50 PM or by appointment

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PASTOR: Reverend Michael Powell

MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM

What a Month!

This has certainly been an unexpected month. Our quiet town has become even quieter. It's unfortunate that it came during Holy Week but, so it goes. Of late I have not been good at reading and continued learning but that's changed, too. I'm listening to lectures of the Wisdom books from the Old Testament. I'm reading a commentary on the Book of Genesis written by Denis Prager; some of you may have heard his radio program. For fun I'm watching a history of country music by Ken Burns and, for a little background in epidemics, I'm reading a history of the influenza pandemic in the years 1918—1920. In the midst of this is, certainly, prayer for all those affected today.

Fr. Mike

Please join us in prayer with this new Good Friday prayer:

Almighty ever-living God,
only support of our human weakness,
look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children
who suffer because of this pandemic;
relieve the pain of the sick,
give strength to those who care for them,
welcome into your peace those who have died
and, throughout this time of tribulation,
grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HAPPY Easter..

May the renewal of life
at Easter bring new
blessings of love, hope,
peace, good health &
happiness to you and
your loved ones..

Embrace the

renewal of Life

~Babz



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