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MASS AND DEVOTION SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 26TH THRU MAY 2ND 2021

MON. 26 8:00AM (Manley) Mother's Day Novena
TUE. 27 8:00AM (Manley) Special Intention of Mary Frances Reinke
WED. 28 (Villa Marie School) Father's Day Novena
THU. 29 8:00AM (Manley) +Father Maryk Huynh Nguyen CRM
 7:00PM (Elmwood) +Chris Navrkal
FRI. 30 6:00PM (Manley) **EXPOSITION & HOLY HOUR**
 7:00PM (Manley) Special Intention of JoAnne & Myron Richardson
SAT. 1 8:00AM (Manley) +Betty Dufek

SAT. 1 5:00PM (Manley) +Deceased of the Brack Family req. by Brent & Nancy Brack
SUN. 2 9:00AM (Manley) Special Intention of our First Communicants.
 11:00AM (Elmwood) **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISHES.**

CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:50PM.
 Sunday: 1/2 hour before each Sunday Mass, as time allows.

From our Bishop Conley:

On May 23, the Solemnity of Pentecost 2021, the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation will be restored in the Lincoln Diocese.

I have joined my brother bishops, Archbishop Lucas and Bishop Hanefeldt in making this announcement. During the season of Easter the Southern Nebraska Register will publish a catechetical series on this. Yet, I would like to use the occasion of this announcement by recalling the deepest reasons why Catholics have a grave obligation to attend Mass as well as clarify, in light of COVID-19, when the obligation does not apply.

The reason all Catholics have a grave obligation of being physically present for Mass on Sundays and holy days is because the Eucharist is at the heart of what it is to be a Christian. In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord is truly present. When the Mass is celebrated, heaven comes to earth and the redemption Jesus attained on the cross comes to us personally. When the scriptures are proclaimed, God Himself speaks to His people.

In Holy Communion, when we receive him worthily, that is, without mortal sin, we are physically and spiritually united to Him and to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Likewise, participation in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays is the primary way that we keep the Lord's Day holy and so live out the third Commandment. These are some of the deepest reasons why there is an obligation and why we should freely want to fulfill this obligation.

Nevertheless, there are certain instances when a person is "excused for a serious reason" as given in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2181, from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days. A serious reason occurs when one is physically or morally prevented from attending. For

example, if a person is sick from a bodily illness or if one has no means of reasonable transportation, then he or she is *physically* prevented from attending Mass and the obligation no longer applies. Likewise, if a parent is taking care of a sick child, or if military personnel would compromise their duty for the common good, then one is *morally* prevented from attending Mass and the obligation no longer applies.

What about COVID-19? Here I would like to offer some guidance of when the obligation does *not* apply:

- If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have good reason to believe that you may have contracted it
- If you are ill or have a condition that would seriously compromise your health if you contracted COVID-19
- If you care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed and have a compelling reason for believing that you would infect them by going to Mass
- If you have significant and grave fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass
- If you are elderly or pregnant and have a serious reason to believe you would put yourself or your child at risk by attending Mass

In applying this guidance, each person must use their good judgment. If someone is unsure, confused, or concerned about a scenario not listed here please consult any priest for clarity.

It is my hope and prayer that the Holy Spirit will continue to bring us all together as a Catholic community throughout the Easter season and that Pentecost will be a time of vital renewal in the Church in Southern Nebraska.

Bishop James D. Conley, Bishop of Lincoln

SAINT PATRICK'S: To celebrate with our First Communion Class, we will serve Doughnuts, Juice and Coffee following Mass next Sunday, May 1st following the 9:00AM Mass. All are welcome!

CAMP KATERI, SUMMER CAMP: Registration is now open for SKY Camp (rising grades 5th-9th), Catholic Adventure Camp (rising grades 4th-6th) and the Tekakwitha Games (rising grades 5th-9th). For more information, or to register for camp, go to **www.comp kateri.org**

PRAYER TO SAINT MONICA FOR OUR CHILDREN: The Plattsmouth Deanery Council of Catholic Women is asking our Ladies and Parishes to pray the Saint Monica prayer for conversions and for our children, especially those who have fallen away from the Faith.
"O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears move you to convert her son Augustine. Help us who pray to You, for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord, Amen."
Saint Monica pray for us!

"May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the Tabernacles of the world even to the end of time."

APRIL 11TH OFFERING:	ENVELOPES	PLATE	BUILD & MAINT.	ENERGY	REGISTER	RICE BOWL
SAINT PATRICK'S:	\$1,505.00	\$204.00	\$72.00	\$50.00	\$65.00	--
SAINT MARY'S:	\$943.00	\$43.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	--	\$8.00
APRIL 18TH OFFERING:	ENVELOPES	PLATE	ENERGY	REGISTER	CATHOLIC FOUNDATION	
SAINT PATRICK'S:	\$370.00	\$106.00	\$33.00	\$20.00	\$88.36	
SAINT MARY'S:	\$798.00	\$43.00	\$14.00	--	\$433.78	