

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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Palm Sunday

April 5th, 2020

Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for
our children when their schools close,
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.

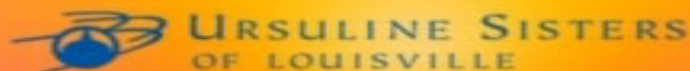
May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,
Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically
wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace
of God to our neighbors.

Amen.



Prayer: Historic Saint Paul Catholic Church, Lexington, KY

Mission Statement

Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to live His Gospel by answering daily, "Yes, here I am Lord". Strengthened by the sacraments and trusting in God's saving grace, we joyfully commit ourselves to sharing our gifts for the continual renewal of our parish and the Maplewood community.

From Deacon John:

CORONAVIRUS – Life is NOT Normal Now:

(Managing Coronavirus Anxiety -- info from Archdiocese)

If you are feeling like the rug got pulled out from under you, you are not alone. If life doesn't feel normal, it is because life is NOT normal. Here at church we quickly went from a “modified” sign of peace and no shared chalice to NO masses, no gatherings, and “STAY AT HOME” orders for self-isolation. We feel DISCONNECTED because we are disconnected from Eucharist, Friends, People. We are filled with uncomfortable feelings—anxiety, sleep disruption, confusion, anger, frustration, and boredom.

If there is any consolation it is that WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT. In some ways COVID-19 has brought us closer together as we face this common threat. We are all going through this same experience although circumstances will vary. School children at home all day is not normal. Some workers cannot go to work. Some, like doctors and nurses, go to work with greater risk of coronavirus/COVID-19 and often without all the protective equipment and devices they need.

THERE ARE HEALTHY REMEDIES:

Get grounded in Facts--Centers for Disease Control (CDC) at website cdc.gov, and local officials such as mayors and governors. My father used to say “*Things are never as good or as bad as they seem.*” It is natural to be afraid when we do not understand something. Getting the truth is the remedy for fear. COVID-19 is not the end of the world, but there is real risk to each of us of being infected or spreading it to others. We can almost eliminate the risk by doing something as simple as “STAY AT HOME”. Do what they keep telling us—wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, stay home when sick, call the doctor or 314-615-2660.

Use social media in moderation: It helps to connect with others in a good way. Make more phone calls, respond to emails when previously you may have ignored them. Don't overdo.

Maintain a regular schedule: If not at work, schedule routines. Keep the usual sleep schedule. Take personal time-outs for meals, coffee breaks etc. Get exercise.

Avoid boredom by making a list of things you always wanted to accomplish. It could be anything as lofty as more prayer time, Bible reading, spiritual reflection. It could be as mundane as finishing taxes, cleaning basements/closets, redecorating a room. Now we have time for some of these projects and they are good ones.

We may feel anger or frustration because our life and schedule was changed and is out of our control. Try calling friends and co-workers. They will appreciate a phone call and we begin to realize we are all in the same boat...and we have it better than many.

The Prayer for a Pandemic provides a prayerful perspective.

*May we whose lives are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.*

May God bless you in a special way,

Deacon John

I am available to talk, to listen to you, to pray together. Contact me at 314-922-2420 or johnflanigan@hotmail.com I AM PRAYING FOR YOU EACH DAY.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Spring Green Social** for the Maplewood Community scheduled for April 19th is **CANCELLED**.

More information to follow about rescheduling.

ST. LUKE'S MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

St. Luke's Friday night Men's Softball League is accepting new teams. If interested please contact Tim at 314-973-1422.

HELP WANTED St. Luke's Men's Guild is looking for someone to clean up McMahon field (at Dale & Bellevue) on a regular basis. You will be compensated for your time. For more information, please contact Tim Day at 314-781-2776.

Marriage/Family Life Update.

"The Archdiocese of Saint Louis Office of Marriage & Family Life is dedicated to preparing couples for a joy-filled sacramental marriage with all the beauty and graces it offers. To service this mission during this time social distancing and gathering restrictions due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Marriage Preparation classes from the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be presented as live webinars during the month of April. The class dates and times remain the same as published on the archdiocesan website <https://www.archstl.org>.

Knights of DeSoto Council #903-

New Membership:

HOW: Invite a good Catholic man that wants to be a GREAT Catholic man!

Have him go to the website: KOFc.org/join

Enter Member Reference #3189937, and Discount Code MOKOFC

WHEN: Now until March 31, 2020

WHY: Joining allows the candidate to join the 'State Council' – a holding spot until we bring them into our council. The Knights of Columbus is the largest charitable, fraternal Catholic globally!

Online members are FULL K of C members, with access to FULL benefits.

FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Create a simple prayer space in your home, and gather there to pray during the week.

Palm Sunday. At your regular Mass time, read the first Palm Sunday Gospel (Mt 21:1–11) and meditate on or discuss what Jesus might be thinking as he enters Jerusalem for the last time.

Holy Thursday. Bake bread for sharing at dinner; make a ritual of stripping the dinner table of all cloths and decorations after dinner.

Good Friday. Pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday. In the morning, read Psalm 64 and break your Good Friday fast solemnly with a simple meal.

Easter Sunday. Dress up the dinner table again. Include candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren't the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1–10) with solemnity and joy.



Easter Memorial Flowers

*Joe Amend
Harold & Madelen Biggers
Bonnarens Family
Don Bouvatte
Mary Busch
Etha Davis
LaDonna Davis
Ruth Gustafson
Harvey R. Hammann
Myrtle & Otto Hamman
Richard Hamman
Adele & Orville Kloeckener
Richard Konersmann
Kurt Martin
Stanley & Ula McClure
McFarland Family
Mary & Henry Muth
June Seady
Alberta Thigpen
John Thigpen
George & Mabel Watson
Nancy & Tony Watson
Paul Watson
Linus & Ann Westermann*

Schedule For The Week

Sunday, April 5 8:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Mass-Suspended
Monday, April 6 10:30 a.m.	Senior Exercise-Cancelled
Tuesday, April 7 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Choir-Cancelled Liturgy-Cancelled
Wednesday, April 8 9:00-10:00 a.m.	Parish Hall Walking-Cancelled
Thursday, April 9 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Holy Thursday Small Faith-Cancelled Quilting-Cancelled
Friday, April 10 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 9:00-10:00 a.m.	Good Friday Adoration-Cancelled Parish Hall Walking-Cancelled
Saturday, April 11 4:00 p.m.	Holy Saturday Mass-Suspended
Sunday, April 12 8:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Mass-Suspended

Weekly Offering



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[https://
www.osvonlinegiving.com/1357](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1357)

March 28th/29th:

1st Collection: TBD 2nd Collection: TBD Online Giving: TBD

Safety. In times when there are concerns about exposure to disease or spreading of a virus, **Online Giving** is a convenient option to continue to support your church and its mission. Your support is vital and can still happen regardless of where you are.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

COVID
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE
19
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Stewardship

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Philippians 2:8-9

As we come to the end of our forty days of prayer and sacrifice and enter into Holy Week, it is time to reflect on what this time of preparation has meant to us. Has the inspired Word of God and the life of Jesus helped us to understand our mission as stewards? The story of the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus is ours for safe keeping. We are the stewards of the legacy of Jesus.

Stewardship is a way of life, faith, hope, love and happiness. Go forth as disciples of Jesus to tell his story and live your life by his example, so that all generations will know the love of the Lord!

We are experiencing a very different end of Lent, Holy Week and Easter in 2020. Make this time special for you and your family by reading the Gospels, watching services on television, and creating home traditions that will last. Embrace deep in your heart and soul, the power of the events that Holy Week and Easter relive. Know that even if you can not be at a Church service, God will hear your prayers and know your love.

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Laura Miller
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RJ & Suzee Irwin
Becky Konersmann
Ken Amend

Schedule

Saturday Mass: 4:00pm Sunday Mass: 8:30am
Daily Mass: 8:00am
Confessions: Saturday's from 3:15 pm-3:45 pm,
or by appointment.
SVDP Food Pantry: Saturdays from 9:30-11:00am

Ministry Schedule-Suspended

Saturday EM's: *Suspended until Masses resume*
Saturday Lectors:
Saturday Servers:
Saturday Usher Captain:
Saturday Gifts:
Sunday EM's:
Sunday Lectors:
Sunday Servers:
Sunday Usher:
Sunday Greeters:
Sunday Gifts:



Hope and Healing

"There is no grief like the grief that does not speak."
Henry Longfellow.



Monday, April 6, 8:00 am
Communion Service
Tuesday, April 7, 8:00 am
For the people of the parish
Wednesday, April 8, 8:00
For the people of the parish
Thursday, April 9, 8:00a.m.
For the people of the parish
Friday, April 10, 8:00a.m.
For the people of the parish
Saturday, April 11, 4:00p.m.
For the people of the parish
Sunday, April 12, 8:30a.m.
For the people of the parish

Please Pray For:

Alice Hezel, Gary Gray, Ellen Simmons, Chuck Ellermann,
Mona Tillman, Heidi Barks, Madelyn McClure,
Paul Rygelski, Mary Johnston, Ed Langhammer,
Jim White, Everleigh Lauber, Jack & Pamela Warner,
Pam MacDonald, Nancy Maurer, Linda Amend
Terry & Ron Kippenberger (family of Rita Kippenberger)
Lisa Massack (sister of Joshua Capstick)
Jamie Jackson (Granddaughter of Annabelle Moran)
Pam Brown (former parishioner)
Tony Simmons (son of Tom & Ellen Simmons)
Sr. Barbara Paul (former parishioner)
Jan Pilla (daughter in law of Eddie Pilla)
Nick Simmons (son of Tom & Ellen Simmons)
Carl & Susan Case (brother and sister in law of Pat Curtis)
Mary Lucas (friend of Al & Maureen Daniels)
Drew Becker (son of Paul Becker)
John Biondo (brother of Maria Gray)
Deimeke Family
Sylvia Squires (former parishioner)
John Graves (brother of Karen Bish)
Lisa Hanley Blake (daughter of Celene Hanley)

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Col. Peter White, USAF, son of Jim & Lucy White
Senior Chief Matthew J Paul, USN, son of Maria and
Gary Gray
William Patrick Flynn, USN, son of Patrick &
Michelle Flynn

To add your loved one's name (s)
contact Eva at the rectory. 314-645-3307 or email at
icmaplewood@gmail.com

Rest in Peace

Mindy Kippenberger,
Relative of Rita Kippenberger

The grief over an abortion experience is often so deep that it seems to be silent. Women and men may bear this burden for years thinking that there is no hope of forgiveness or peace. Project Rachel/Project Joseph offers free, private, professional counseling for anyone who is suffering because of an abortion experience. Call Project Rachel/Project Joseph at 314-792-7565 to begin your journey of healing and reconciliation.

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