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+Saint John of God

A letter from
the diocese
regarding
COVID-19
Vaccine.

Dear Monsignors and Fathers,

Several priests have inquired as to whether the US Bishops have made a statement regarding the use of the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine. On March 2, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following statement:

"The approval of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines.

"Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irrefragable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.*' However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

"While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good."

*Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines" (17 Dec 2020), no. 2.

The statement, on the USCCB website, may also be accessed by clicking [here](#).
You may consider making this information available to your parishioners.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Monsignor Philip D. Halfacre
Vicar General

PUBLICATION

SEASON: Fourth Sunday of Lent

DATE: March 14th, 2021

Mass Times, Ministries and More!!

Saturday, March 13, 2021

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Luke

4:00pm Mass @ St. Luke

Mass Intention: OSF Vocations #9300

EMHC #1: _____

Lector #1: Barb Pitlik

5:30pm Mass @ St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Julia Deffenbaugh #4428

EMHC #1: _____

Lector #1: Bob Cherveney

Server #1: _____

Sunday, March 14, 2021

8:00am Mass @ St. Luke

Mass Intention: For The People #9100

EMHC #1: _____

Server #1: Carson Lehman

9:15am Adult Faith Formation @ St. Luke

9:15am Faith Formation Class #13 @ St. Luke

9:00am Faith Formation Class @ St. Joseph

9:15am Confessions @ St. Joseph

10:00am Mass @ St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: Dcn. John Skender #4454

EMHC #1: April Wagner

Lector #1: Mike Ratliffe

Server #1: _____

Monday, March 15, 2021

7:00am Mass @ Newman Center

Mass Intention: Donna Coffey #4445

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

7:00am Mass @ Newman Center

Mass Intention: Donna Coffey #4446

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

7:00am Mass @ Newman Center

Mass Intention: Donna Coffey #4457

6:30pm Stations of The Cross @ St. Joseph

Thursday, March 18, 2021

7:00am Mass @ Newman Center

Mass Intention: Donna Coffey #4458

Friday, March 19, 2021

7:00am Mass @ Newman Center

Mass Intention: Donna Coffey #4459

Saturday, March 20, 2021

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Luke

4:00pm Mass @ St. Luke

Mass Intention: OSF Vocations #9300

EMHC #1: _____

Lector #1: Ashley Mahaffey

5:30pm Mass @ St. Joseph

Mass Intention: For The People #9100

EMHC #1: _____

Server #1: _____

Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:00am Mass @ St. Luke

Mass Intention: OSF Vocations #9300

EMHC #1: _____

Server #1: JJ Rokey

9:15am Adult Faith Form. @ St. Luke

9:15am Faith Form. Class @ St. Luke

9:00am Faith Form. Class @ St. Joseph

9:15am Confessions @ St. Joseph

10:00am Mass @ St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: OSF Vocations #9300

EMHC #1: Ruth Ann Martino

Lector #1: Mark Martino

Server #1: _____

St. Luke- Please join us for Stations of the Cross every Wednesday night at 7:00

The St. Luke's Mens Club will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, March 26th from 4:00pm-6:30pm in the hall. It is carry-out only, and all carry-outs will be \$10. Please help by sponsoring a food item for the fish fry. The sponsor envelopes are next to the sign-up sheets on the office window. Please make all checks payable to the St. Luke's Men's Club



Bishop Louis Tylka will be at St. Josephs on Wednesday June 2nd at 6:30 for the Rosary. More details coming in May!



Crucified with Christ Through the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary The Carrying of the Cross

And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not

drink it. (Matthew 27:31-33)

Jesus, already being humiliated and beaten, accepted his cross lovingly for you and me. He is fully aware that unless he completes this journey, the Father's Will will not be completed. He accepted this heavy cross out of true love for us. We are all familiar with Vía Crucis, the Way of the Cross. We know of the people Jesus meets and the events that happened on the way to Calvary. We know the perseverance and love that Jesus had on this journey. Do we have that same perseverance and love when we are handed our crosses to carry? Isaiah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses and Samuel were all handed crosses to carry. When God handed them their crosses, they responded with, "Here I am Lord". When handed our crosses, do we reply as they did, "Here I am, Lord."

When we respond, "Here I am, Lord", do we remember the three falls Jesus had? Do we see his bloody knees and realize, he continues to fall even today? He falls next to us every time we fall. He reaches out to us to help us carry our cross, to carry our burden. Do we accept that offer or do we try to do things on our own in our own way? Jesus accepted the help of Simon. We too need to accept the help Jesus offers us.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:24-26)

St. Joseph's Wednesday Rosary

St. Joseph's weekly Rosary will resume on April 7 at 6:30. Beginning in April, there will be a "guest leader" once a month. The Rosary Committee has contacted several people to be a guest. There are some old friends and new ones that have agreed to join us. As we get closer to the dates, we will publish more information about who will be that month's guest and what day they will be joining us. We had a wonderful talk with Coadjutor Bishop Louis Tylka and as mentioned in the bulletin last week, he has agreed to join us on June 2. We are still working out the fine details and will publish more information as the time gets closer.



Stations of the Cross will be said at
St. Joseph's on Wednesday at 6:30.

St. Patrick's
Day



"The Breastplate"
Patrick's poem of faith and trust
in God

"Christ be within me, Christ
behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win
me, Christ to comfort and restore
me, Christ beneath me, Christ
above me, Christ inquired, Christ
in danger, Christ in hearts of all
that love me, Christ in mouth of
friend and stranger."

EMHC's, Lectors, and Servers- Anyone that would like to minister during Mass are asked to call Kaitlyn Pollard at (309)467-4855 Monday-Friday 10am-2pm to sign up.

HOLY WEEK INFORMATION

Palm Sunday: Palms are scheduled to be available this year, because of COVID, they were omitted last year.

Chrism Mass: Time is still to be determined Watch the bulletin for information concerning the Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

Good Friday: 12pm Service @ St. Josephs. The Good Friday liturgy will be conducted in the customary way except that (according to a letter from the Vicar General) "...the faithful are NOT to venerate the Cross in the customary way (of kissing or touching) but are to make some other sign of veneration such as a bow..." at the waist. "...The people may remain in their places or may come forward in a procession as is usually done..."

Easter Vigil: 8am @ St. Lukes and 10am @ St. Josephs (In a letter from the Vicar General:) "...The Vigil may take place in the usual way, including the Service of Light at the beginning of the vigil...The faithful may be sprinkled with holy water for the renewal of baptismal promises though the holy water fonts are to remain empty." Water in special bottles (obtained through Lagron-Miller) will be pre-filled and blessed during the liturgy so that each family may take home some holy Easter water.

Varia: "...the directives regarding the omission of the customary sign of peace and the prohibition of the distribution of the Precious Blood remain in place. Provided that you have disinfecting wipes or spray readily available and at hand for the faithful to use, pastors and chaplains have the discretion to return to using the confessional if they choose to do so." St. Luke and St. Joseph will return to the use of our confessionals and the cleaning teams should electrostatically spray the entire area inside the confessional with disinfectant after its scheduled use. Those who may still feel uncomfortable using the confessional due to Covid-19 virus may make a special appointment to meet with Father privately in a different location at a different time. We will continue to use one lector and one server, even if a deacon is assisting. Lectors and servers should call the parish office to sign up to minister. However, when a Deacon is assisting at Mass, the Deacon will take the place of the regular EMHC minister.



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